



P.O. Box 16391, San Diego CA 92176

## Regular Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2015

### Parliamentary Items:

A regular meeting of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group was called to order by chair David Moty at 6:30 pm at the Copley YMCA, which will be the new meeting location.

Members present at the start of the meeting: David Moty, Mike Anderson, Frank Doft, Sean Harrison, Daniele Laman, Fred Lindahl, Darlene Love, Ann Pease, Keith Roudebush, Deborah Sharpe, Don Taylor, Kelly Waggoner and Thomas Weigand. Ken Horsley and Elvia Sandoval were absent.

Also present were Ralph Dimarucut from Councilmember Marti Emerald's office, Jason Weisz from Toni Atkins' office, Daniel Hazard from Susan Davis's Office and as well as approximately 20 members of the public.

Approval of Agenda: David Moty asked if there were any objections or modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes: David Moty asked if there were any objections or modification to the minutes. With no objections and no abstentions the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer report: Fred Lindahl stated the treasury balance as of 12/31/2014 was \$117.09. Fred stated he was working with the City under its new policy for reimbursing Planning Groups up to \$500 annually for certain expenses. We will be submitting costs for the PO box and rental fees for meeting at the school. Also stated was that current and subsequent meetings at the Copley YMCA would be free.

### Community Forum:

Daniel Hazard presented informational news and updates from Susan Davis's office. Information was general in nature with details available in the newsletter handouts or online. He talked about the start of the new US Congress Susan Davis was participating in and noted a Constituent Survey was available, either as a hard copy within the newsletter or online.

Ralph Dimarucut from Marti Emerald's Office presented informational news and updates. Ralph talked about accomplishments Marti Emerald had worked on throughout the previous year, and current efforts

that have benefitted or will benefit our neighborhoods including:

- A new palm tree trimming contract, which includes 1450 trees.
- A current \$1.5M project to update and repair street lighting circuits within the “Talmadge Loop”.
- A new \$400K contract to update and repair street lighting circuits within Kensington.
- Implementation of a one way alley behind Kensington Commons.
- Continuing effort to increase safety by investigating additional traffic control measures at the Talmadge Circle.
- A current effort to investigate options that will increase pedestrian safety at the Kensington Dr./Adams Ave. intersection.
- A project to build a SD Fire Department station in Mission Valley that will shorten response times to Kensington and Talmadge.
- The implementation of body cameras for Mid-City SDPD Officers.
- Plans to install additional street lighting in some areas that currently have none.

Ralph also stated there was a project, listed for Kensington, to replace the storm drain on Norma Drive. Board members asked if this was actually the project previously referred to as replacing the Miracle Drive storm drain in Talmadge. Ralph said he would investigate and report back. Ralph took on additional requests for information from Board members including location of storm drain as-built drawings, status of playground equipment and gate repairs at the Kensington Library Park and points of contact for engineering reports. Kelly Waggonner passed on thanks from Ann Burnett-Triose to Ralph and Marti Emerald for their help with the repaving of streets in Talmadge. Ralph answered affirmatively to an audience question asking if there would be meetings with homeowners regarding trenching within the public right of way prior to the start of the Talmadge Loop street light circuit improvement project. Additional discussion and information was general in nature with details available in the newsletter handouts or online.

Jason Wiesz from Toni Atkins’s Office presented informational news and updates. Kelly Waggonner asked if Toni Atkins’ office had received any inquiries or if her office had plans to address tightening certain loopholes in the implementation of Prop 47. Jason stated he was not aware of any, but would be happy to open that discussion with Kelly. Daniele Laman asked if there were funds available to put toward the Balboa Park Centennial celebration. Jason stated the window had closed for that request, but encouraged Daniele to call Toni’s office to discuss further. Additional discussion and information was general in nature with details available in the newsletter handouts or online.

## Non-Agenda Comment:

There were no public non-agenda comments.

Board member non-agenda comments:

- Kelly Waggonner and Daniele Laman brought up subjects that would be addressed later in the meeting.
- Don Taylor stated the Kensington MADs were ready to have their first meetings sometime in January. He also stated the City has started plans for streetlight repairs within the MADs.
- David stated the City passed by consent the KTPG bylaw amendments. He also reinforced the importance of following bylaws and procedures by relaying that the La Jolla planning group is being sued because they did not form an elections subcommittee.
- David stated he had a meeting with an engineer working with the City, to study canyon erosion along Aldine Dr. and Fairmount Ave. David and the engineer walked the area and inspected the slopes. The engineer's initial impression is that erosion of these slopes does not appear to be critical at this point. A few specific items will be forwarded to the City for further investigation and some suggestions for mitigation that homeowners can employ to reduce erosion will be included. Specific information will be available after the report is submitted to the City.

## Subcommittee Items:

### A. Elections (chaired by Deborah Sharpe)

Deborah Sharpe gave an informational presentation on the upcoming Kensington Talmadge Planning Group elections in March. Eight positions will be up for election. Three members will be running for re-election, two are not, and three are undecided or unknown. To run for election, candidates must have attended two full board meetings of the KTPG between February 1, 2014 and January 31, 2015. They must be eighteen years of age or older, and a resident, property owner, or business/non-profit owner or operator within the boundaries of the KTPG.

To vote in the elections, you must have attended one meeting, and if necessary, fill out a registration form which can be done at any time.

Deborah stated she is providing outreach to people that would be eligible through email and the NextDoor website.

### B. Transportation (chaired by Sean Harrison)

Sean Harrison provided an informational update on parking improvements on Adams Ave. He stated he has received positive feedback for commercial loading at east end of Kensington. Curb

striping at Kensington Commons was done independently of the parking improvement plan, and needs to be corrected.

Sean addressed complaints regarding the trucks that park in the middle of Adams Ave. delivering for Starbucks. He said both he and Allard Jansen have spoken to the drivers. The drivers, to date, have been uncooperative and are unwilling to change. The alternative would be to park behind Kensington Commons where other trucks unload.

David Moty presented information regarding pursuing a SANDAG Active Transportation Grant. He stated he is working with Deanna Spehn from Toni Atkins' office and with City Planner Michael Printz. Discussions included reactivating the bike loop throughout Kensington and Talmadge. Recommendations were to take the discussion to CALTRANS and to take into account the impact on adjacent neighborhoods, such as College Area.

C. CIP & Planning (chaired by David Moty)

David Moty discussed the work of the City's Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee. He stated the next to last meeting will be held January 16<sup>th</sup>. Some of the items the advisory committee will forward include:

- Ensuring connections from homes to the street connections stay underground, avoiding above ground conduits to existing residential electrical distribution boxes.
- Seeking more input from homeowners on location and types of above ground utility boxes.
- Including an option to opt out for homeowners within a utility district. This would be for all homes within the district, not for an individual house or street.
- SDGE shrink pads from 4'x4' to 3'x3'.

David stated these recommendations are not binding, but goodwill agreements only. After fielding general questions and concerns from the audience, David encouraged homeowners participate and be proactive when notifications regarding utilities undergrounding are sent out if they want their concerns to be heard and addressed. He stated the projected actual construction start for Kensington is still a couple of years off.

David Moty led a discussion regarding the upcoming CIP process. One of the actions over the next few months will be to seek Board input on whether or not to prioritize projects with an eye towards a potential 2016 "Megabond." Previously the guidance was to emphasize smaller projects as funds were limited and smaller projects had a better chance for approval. Now there is discussion of doing a Megabond for infrastructure. Since the bond hasn't materialized to date, current guidance is assumed to continue prioritizing as before. Ralph Dimaricut encouraged the inclusion of larger projects, along with smaller ones, to ensure the City knows what the true neighborhood infrastructure needs are.

#### D. Communications (chaired by Frank Doft)

##### April 2013 & February 2014 Minutes Approval

Frank Doft and other Board members provided some updates for the April 2013 meeting minutes. Don Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Fred Lindahl seconded. The vote was 12-1-1 to approve, with Frank Doft voting no, and Deborah Sharpe abstaining.

No modifications or changes were offered by the Board for the February 2014 meeting minutes. Don Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Fred Lindahl seconded. The vote was 12-0-2 to approve with Sean Harrison and Deborah Sharpe abstaining.

Daniele Laman passed the need to update published meeting locations for future KTPG meetings, reflecting the location change to the Copley YMCA to Frank Doft for action.

#### Non-Subcommittee Items:

David Moty provided an informational update regarding outreach activities by Civic San Diego and their effort to develop a consensus on desired community benefits, primarily in City Heights and Downtown. He stated community outreach efforts, in his opinion, haven't been extremely effective. Specifics appear to be lacking. Civic San Diego's purpose was to reach people who are not part of a planning group and gather input to feed into planning groups. One item of importance to the KTPG is what the Civic San Diego considers the boundaries of City Heights. If boundary includes the north side of El Cajon Blvd, then the KTPG would be affected and should be involved. Civic SD says they don't know where the exact boundaries are. More information is available at [www.CivicSD.mindmixer.com](http://www.CivicSD.mindmixer.com) or [www.CivicSD.com](http://www.CivicSD.com).

#### KTPG Liaison Committee Reports

##### A. Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District

Incoming Chair, Kelly Waggoner and outgoing Chair, Fred Lindahl gave an informational update of TMAD activities. They reported that they completed a community effort to paint benches within the Talmadge Traffic Circle with an anti-graffiti coating last Saturday. Fred Lindahl also stated the contract to restore the original candlestick street lights has been delayed due to late submittals by the contractor.

##### B. Historic Resources Division 45 year review liaison

Fred Lindahl reported that after inspection, the following residences did meet Criterion C:

- 4018 North Hempstead Circle

- 4833 Kensington Drive
- 4874 Edgeware Road

## Possible Agenda for the next or future KTPG Meetings

- A. Subcommittee meetings for January (All at the Copley YMCA):
- a. Transportation will meet on Monday, 1/26 @ 6:30PM
  - b. Elections will meet on Monday, 1/26 @ 6PM  
Action: Modify A-frame signs to reflect new location thru Communications subcommittee. Frank Doft will attend subcommittee meeting.
  - c. Kensington MADs will meet on Wednesday 1/28 @ 6PM to not conflict with other subcommittees
  - d. CIP will meet on Wednesday 1/28 @ 7PM

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.